

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & (B)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)
JMH002

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Gal H. Thorne

Application of Patent No.: _____

Filed or Issued: Filed by Express Mail:

Title: GUIDE-WIRE STEERED VARIABLE INCISION WIDTH SAFETY SCALPEL

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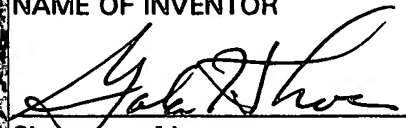
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NAME OF INVENTOR


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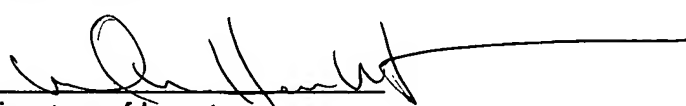
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Signature of Inventor

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Date

Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address, and citizenship is stated below next to my name and that I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, the specification of which is attached hereto and which has the following title:

GUIDE-WIRE STEERED VARIABLE INCISION WIDTH SAFETY SCALPEL

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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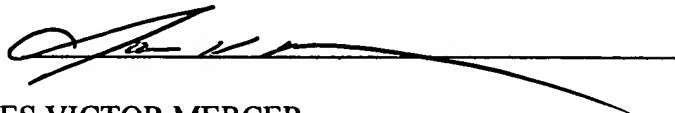
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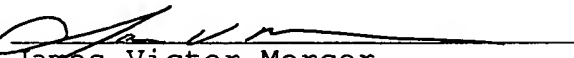
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Sir:

As below listed inventors in the above-identified application, we hereby appoint Gale H. Thorne, 1056 Millcrest Circle, Bountiful, Utah 84010 (Registration No. 34,742) our agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the Letters Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith.



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DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
under U.S. Code 41(a) and (b) - SMALL BUSINESS

As an officer of Thorne Medical, Inc., 1056 Millcrest Circle, Bountiful, UT 84010, (The Company), I, Gale H. Thorne, President, hereby declare that I am empowered to act in behalf of The Company. I further declare that Thorne Medical, Inc. is a small entity company. Thorne Medical, Inc. has fewer than 500 employees, actually only two people are engaged as full time employees at this time. There are two part time employees. All rights to the invention entitled GUIDE-WIRE STEERED VARIABLE INCISION WIDTH SAFETY SCALPEL and referenced by the Docket Number JMH002 in the file of Gale H. Thorne, Patent Agent (U.S. Patent Office Registration No. 34742) have been conveyed and are exclusively retained by The Company.



Gale H. Thorne
President

Feb. 9, 2004
Date